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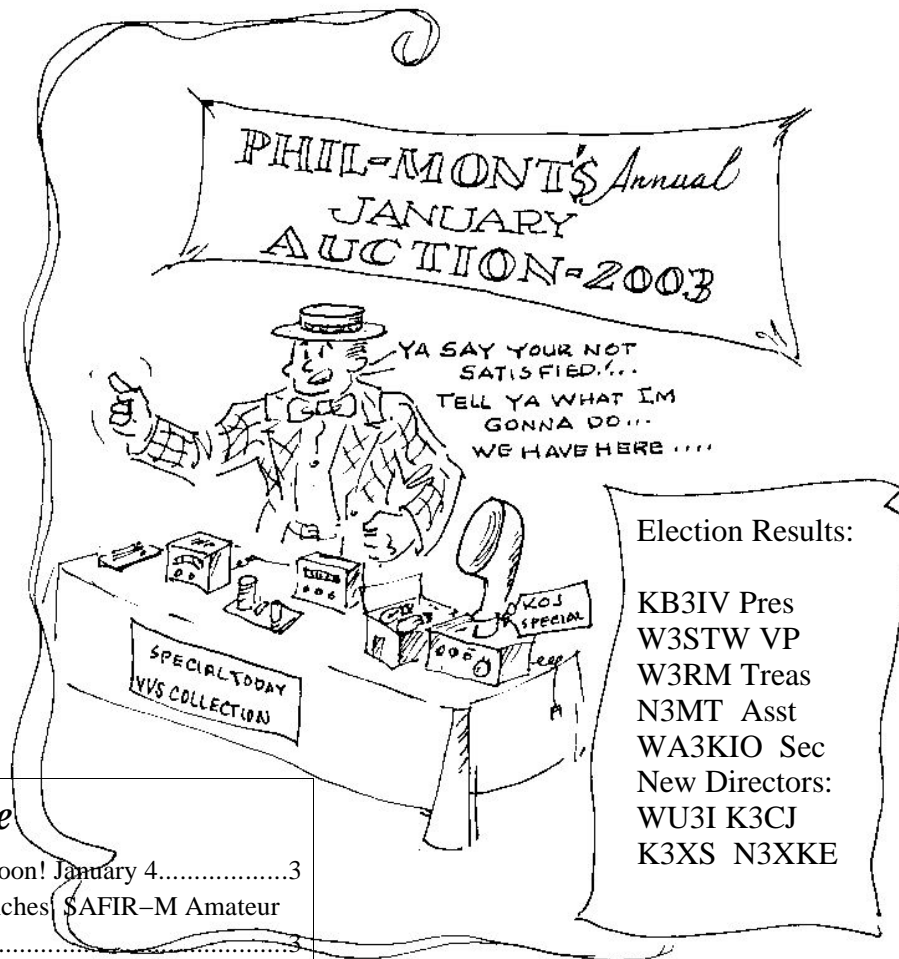


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Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater – Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz

444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

W3EM – Field Day and special events station – Trustee W3VVS

Club 2m simplex frequency : 147.51 MHz

Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter Net** at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

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Address and club directory changes, and articles that are for the PMRC membership e-mail list should be sent to: **wb3koj@comcat.com**

License Examinations

are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at Northeast High School, Cottman and Algon. Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Doors closed and locked at 6:30 P.M. Sharp ! Exams begin.

See page 7 for special info this month

The club meets

at 7:30 PM on the second non-holiday Wednesday of every month except July and August at

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Kid's Day coming soon! January 4

NEWINGTON, CT, Dec 17, 2002--The next Kid's Day is January 4, 2003, from 1800–2400 UTC. The twice–annual event, held in January and June, is a chance for amateurs to invest in the future of Amateur Radio by participating in a simple, but rewarding, Amateur Radio event. Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people—licensed or not—to enjoy Amateur Radio. It gives youngsters on–the–air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It's also intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children.

Activity for Kid's Day takes place on 20, 15 and 10 meters—and perhaps your local 2–meter repeater. It's an opportunity to introduce your own youngsters, neighborhood kids and nieces and nephews to participate to the magic of ham radio and perhaps spark a lifelong love for the hobby.

Kid's Day is not a contest, and patience is a must. Remember that the kids are not experienced operators. Your part, as the licensee

and control operator, is to help with the basics, keep an eye on the technical aspects of the operation, observe third–party traffic agreements and be sure to ID at the proper intervals. Beyond that, relax, and let the youngsters have fun. If they find someone they're comfortable talking with, let them enjoy themselves. In this event, it's quality of the contacts, not quantity.

The suggested exchange for Kid's Day is first name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested frequencies are 14,270 to 14,300, 21,380 to 21,400 and 28,350 to 28,400 kHz, and 2–meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor.

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate (it becomes the child's personalized sales brochure on ham radio). You can help ARRL keep track of the Kid's Day activity and responses. Visit the ARRL Kid's Day Survey page to complete a short survey and post your comments. You will then have access to download the certificate page or send a 9x12 SASE to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.

Now entering its ninth year, Kid's Day typically attracts more than 1000 participants for each running. Originated by the Boring Amateur Radio Club, the event now is sponsored and administered by the ARRL with the cooperation and assistance of the BARC. —*de ARRL*

Dnepr Booster Launches SAFIR–M Amateur Radio Satellite

—*de AMSAT News Service*
ANS 365.02

The German amateur radio satellite SAFIR–M was launched by a converted Russian ballistic missile into orbit Friday, December 19, 2002, with a cluster of five other satellites for a variety of organizations around the world.

The Dnepr booster blasted out of its missile silo from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at approximately 1700 GMT (12:00 p.m. EST).

Initial reports indicate that the payloads achieved their intended orbits of 400 miles high with an inclination of 65 degrees.

SAFIR–M is a project of a group called Arbeitskreis Amateurfunk und Telekommunikation in der Schule, or AATiS e.V. Its English translation means "Working Group for Amateur Radio and Telecommunications in Schools."

SAFIR–M was developed in close cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences in Pforzheim, Germany under the leadership of Henning Rech DF9IC and his team. The main purpose of the satellite is to give students easy access to space communications. It will have a downlink at 145.825 MHz with AX.25, 9k6 packet as well as an optional voice message beacon.

The uplink is at 435.275 MHz (AX.25, 1k2), offering Mode B operation. The callsign will be DP0AIS.

SAFIR-M is designed as a "store and broadcast" system for APRS based messages, dedicated for the use of schools in combination with the existing WX-Net and planned buoy experiments in Germany. It extends German space educational activities to an European and global base.

Details on SAFIR-M can be found on <http://amend.gmxhome.de>. Information about AATiS e.V. is available under <http://www.aatis.de>. The SAFIR-M homepage is still in German, but work is underway to add the information in English.

[thanks to Oliver DG6BCE (DG6BCE@aatis.de) and the AMSAT News Service for the above information.]

Credit Where Credit Is Due Dept...

We neglected to mention in last month's Blurb that the photos from the NBC 10 Family Techfest of ARRL EPA SM WB3FPL, ASM WA3PZO and our own VP AI W3STW were provided by Steve WU3I, a man of many talents.

Thanks, Steve!



Irwin Lusky, K3HBB

Irwin Lusky, K3HBB, died in Crozier Hospital after many years of successful battles against recurrent cancers on December 8, 2002.

He and his brother Gordon W3APD were great ham radio teachers and helped many of us get through the code and theory through the years. He was Scott Paper Co.'s main engineering trouble-shooter for problems all over the world before he retired a few years ago.

A long time resident in Aston, Pa. he had the unique achievement of being the best friend of scores of people both in the USA and in Canada where he loved to spend his summers fishing. His life was one of unending kindness and helpfulness to all that had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Carol, son Ed, grandson Christopher, brother Gordon and many, many friends.

— de KC2HX.

PMRC Scholarship Fund Report

We're pleased to report that several contributions to the PMRC Scholarship Fund have been received since last months report, bringing the "S-Meter reading" to S-5.6... a respectable signal but not yet S-9! In dollars it represents a total to press time, December 19, of \$1256.

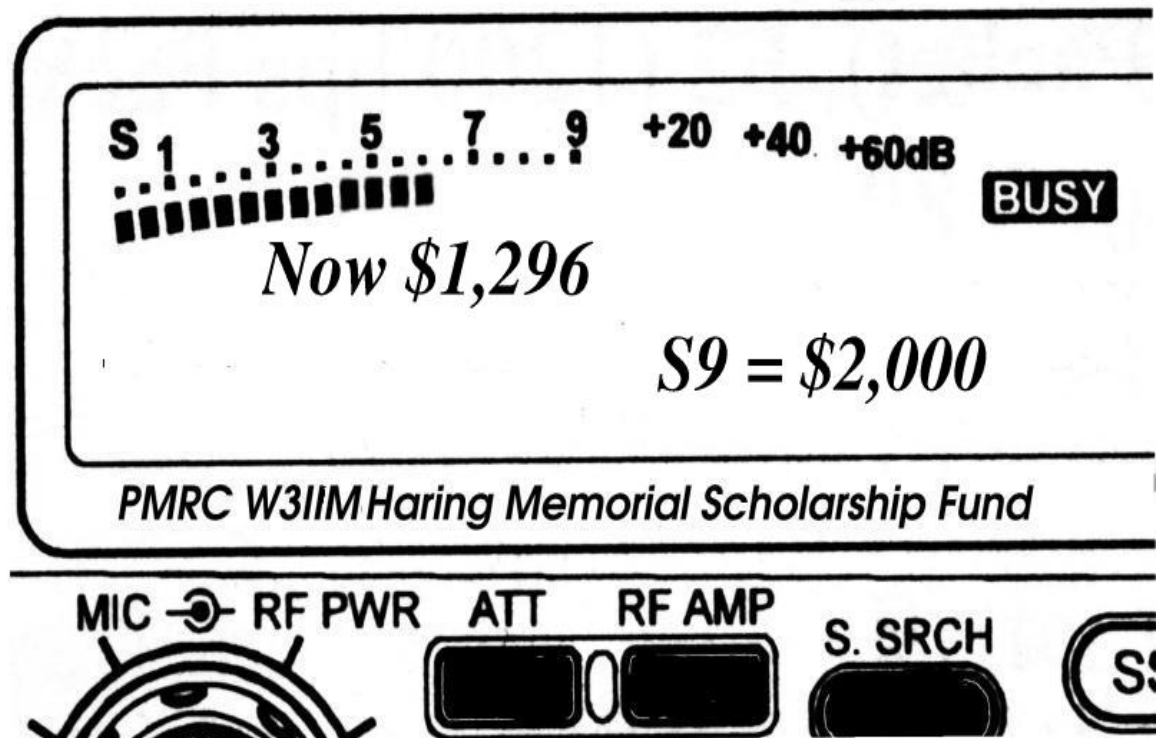
We are still hopeful, indeed we have "Great Expectations," that we'll reach our \$2,000 goal by January, when we are obligated to forward the \$2,000 grant to the Foundation for Amateur Radio to underwrite the 2003 Claude H. Haring, jr., W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship.

Incidentally, if you or someone you know qualifies to apply for a

2003 ham radio scholarship, the following are the criteria: the applicant, any age, must be a licensed amateur radio operator residing in either the EPA or SNJ ARRL sections, and must be a student at or accepted for enrollment at a college, University, or technical school.

Grants range from \$500 to \$2500. This year the F.A.R. will be offering 58 scholarships to qualified

applicants. For additional information or an application form send a letter or QSL card, postmarked by April, 30 2003, to FAR Scholarships, PO Box 831, Riverdale, MD, 20783. Any questions, contact Phil-Mont's Scholarship Chairman, W3RM.



Rock Star Makes Major Donation ARRL "Big Project" Education and Technology Fund

Hoping that his donation will spur others to contribute to "The Big Project," veteran rock star and well-known amateur Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, has given in a major way to ARRL's Education and Technology Fund. ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, says the "significant gift" through the Joseph F. Walsh Foundation will fund an additional eight pilot schools in the ARRL Education and Technology Program.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, expressed his gratitude for Walsh's dedication and support to The Big Project's goals and aims. "I am particularly pleased with Joe's donation, as it emphasizes his belief in our school project and more importantly, investing in the future of Amateur Radio," Haynie said. "The additional schools that will be brought into the program as a result of this donation represent a big

step in increasing the number of students participating in the ARRL Science and Technology program."

Walsh, best-known as a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter with The Eagles and The James Gang, has been an active Amateur Radio operator for more than 37 years. He's also an avid collector of Collins Radio gear. The amount of his donation was not made public.

The Big Project—as the program is popularly known—highlights Amateur Radio as a significant resource for teachers in classrooms

as well as for enrichment and after-school programs. The 40 pilot schools now in the program receive a complete Amateur Radio station, technical library and a curriculum that makes technology fun and relevant for the participating students.

Walsh's contribution was one of 3500 made by ARRL members, who—together—have raised more \$225,000 to fund the Education & Technology Program in 2003.

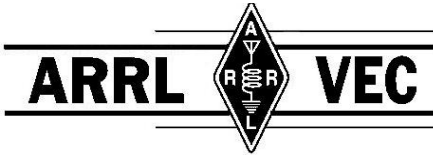
Phil-Mont Auction Jan. 8, 2003

Don't Forget!

The 2003 Phil-Mont Auctionfest is being held January 8th 2003 at the Masonic Home.

Every year at that time we are amazed by the wide variety of equipment and other paraphenalia offered for sale, as well as being entertained by our skilled auctioneer Russ W3CH and his able assistants. This is also an excellent opportunity to profitably dispose of equipment and parts that have become surplus to your needs, while supporting PMRC.

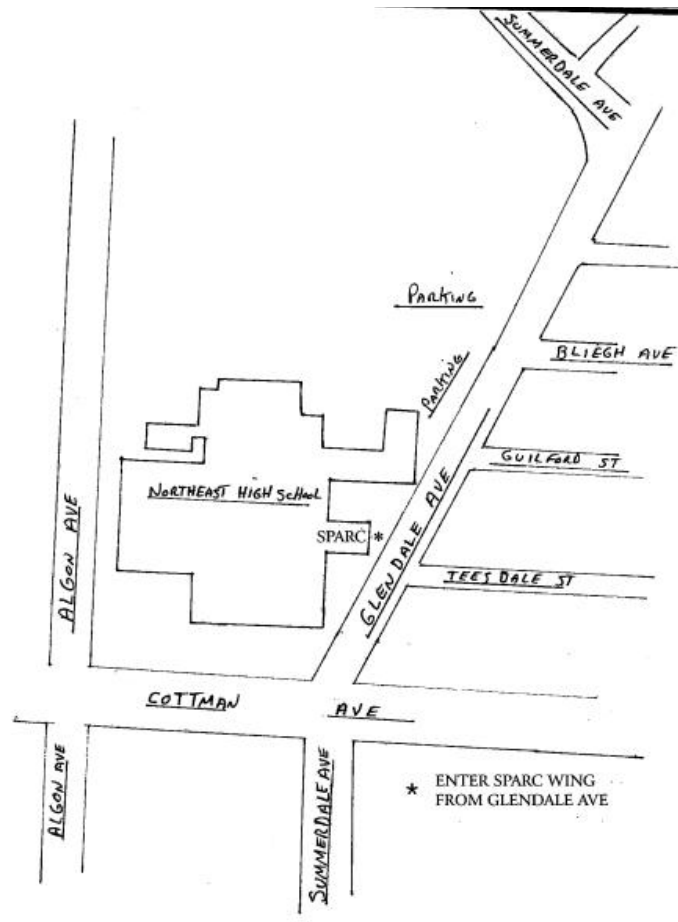
For more information, contact PMRC Richard Moll, W3RM PO Box 88 Abington, PA 19001 Phone: 215-448-1139 Email: w3rm@arrl.net



Due to extremely inclement weather, PMRC did not hold VE exams on the regular December date. In addition, we will not have access to the new exam site There will also be no testing on January 2, 2003, at the SPARC Building at Northeast High School, (which is our new VE testing location), due to the buiding being closed that day.

Weather conditions permitting, we will have the February 6, 2003 exams at 6:00 P.M. The new 2003 exam fee will be \$12.00.

For further information, call Dusty ND3Q at 215 482 0386, or 215 879 0505.



*New VE testing site starting in
February 2003 at Northeast High
School, Cottman and Glendale,
Philadelphia*

Philmont Board Meeting

December 4, 2002

Attending were Ed KB3IV, Al W3STW, Gwen NG3P, Maggie K3XS, Dick W3RM, Steve WU3I, Gene N3XKE, George W3PXY, Mike N3MT, Jim W3BBB, and Fred WA3KIO.

Nets: Ed KB3IV reported that the nets are running fine. Ten meters is working out.

Treasurer: Dick W3RM reported little change this month. There will be more activity next month when dues notices go out.

Scholarship: More money will be needed by the end of the year to meet the goal for next year's scholarship. Dick will be working on the budget for next year.

Membership: Applicant K7MIB, Rob Simione was voted on. Steve mad a motion to accept and it was seconded. Welcome Rob.

DX report: Mike N3MT spoke of putting DX happenings in the Blurb, which would allow members to know of up and coming DX and where on the band to find it.

Steve WU3I reported that he was sent registration from the club's website provider for a reduced rate for renewing for three years at a cost break. It was decided to wait until June to bring it up again for consideration.

Field Day: Steve said it's too early but registration for the space at Fort

Washington State Park will be taken care of.

Repeater: Jim W3BBB is working on a system that will allow him to access the repeater to identify any problems.

Jim reported that Perry W3PTB asked about recognizing the person who has enabled us to meet at the Masonic Home. It was agreed that a letter of recognition and a Blurb subscription be sent.

Programs: Al W3STW has been sending letters of thanks to guest speakers.

The speaker for December will be Eastern Pennsylvania section Manager, Eric Olena WB3FPL who will talk about his responsibility as manager.

January will be the annual Auction Fest.

February will be the MS150 Thank You Dinner with Steve WU3I doing a presentation on Echolink.

Elections: No new candidates registered by the last general meeting so nominations were closed. There was one candidate for each office so the slate will be read at the December general meeting with the secretary giving one vote for each candidate.

W3AA: Steve WU3I and Gene N3XKE will be getting the last items that belong to Philmont out of the Franklin Institute. Gene suggested a short letter introducing us to the principal of Northeast High. Dick has a letter he read which he has been working on. It will be given to Gene. Al W3STW made the motion at this time to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimously seconded.

73 de WA3KIO



PhilMont General Meeting

December 11

Attending the general meeting were 14 members and visitors.

Ed KB3IV called the meeting to order. A slate of candidates was presented to the members, with one candidate per office and three directors for a two-year term. Dick W3RM made a motion for the secretary to cast one ballot for each candidate. Al W3STW seconded it.

The slate is:

Ed Masarsky KB3IV – President

Al Tribble W3STW – Vice

President

Richard Moll W3RM – Treasurer

with Michael Taraborrelli N3MT as

Assistant Treasurer
Fred Rice WA3KIO – Secretary.

Running for two-year Director's positions were: Stephen Hoch WU3I, Charlye Johnson K3CJ Maggie Leber K3XS. Appointed to Director was Gene Dinardi N3XKE.

Membership: Len W3LEN could not attend the meeting but sent a membership packet for new member Rob K7MIB. Welcome Rob.

Treasurer: Dick W3RM, we are on target. Dues will start coming in next month.

Scholarship Fund: Dick commented that we are still short for the payment by the end of December for the FAR for next year's Haring Memorial Fund. We also have some equipment donated for the

scholarship: an exceptional Yaesu FT101 with FL 2500 amplifier, which will be at the auction.

Ed KB3IV reported that the nets are running fine, even ten meters.

Blurb: Maggie stated that with the dues notices going out this month, the deadline for the January Blurb would be the 18th of the month. There will be a listing of members' info and Ed asked that every member check it out for updates and corrections then send it back with the dues payment. The treasurer will forward it to Don WB3KOJ.

Field Day: Steve commented that it would be in June. More to come.

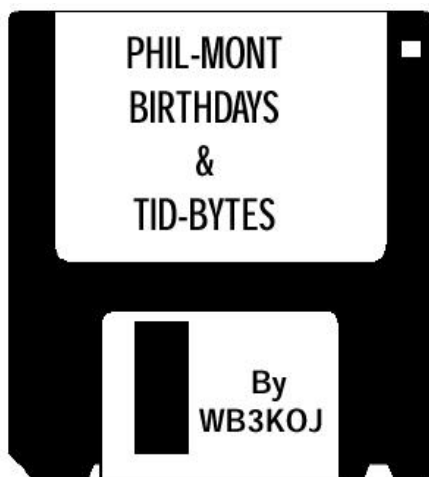
If anything on the website needs updating, contact Steve or Maggie. Sunshine: Ted KB3HAQ will be going back into the hospital for another procedure.

W3AA: Steve and Gene will be going to the Institute to pick up the consoles and anything else remaining that belongs to Philmont. There are still some minor points to be worked out for Northeast High.

VE testing: The December session was canceled due to inclement weather. The next session on January 2nd will be held at Northeast High School. The new fee will be \$12.00.

At This time the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Al to introduce our featured guest speaker Eric Olena WB3FPL, Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager.

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January Birthdays

03	Jon Verlin – KA3VVU
05	Monica O'Donnell (XYL N3RCQ) Dorene Weiner (XYL WX3PHI)
13	Jon Balch – W3KG
15	Denise Burstein – KB3ANO Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
16	Bill Sullivan – N3QMH
19	Bill Mescanti – K2LK
25	Ronald Johnson – N3ZO
27	Andrew Roomberg – KB3CWH
30	Bill Kane – N3OOL
31	Fred Reichert – KA3BET

Directory Update

With this BLURB you received your 2003 Dues Invoice & Directory Information Sheet. Please verify the information and return it with your dues & optional PMRC SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION to: DICK MOLL P.O. BOX 88 – ABINGTON, PA 19001-0088...Your early reply will save the club additional expenses and will speed-up the publishing of the 2003 P.M.R.C. Directory.

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Date	January 2003 Events – PMRC
Wed 01	New Year's Day
Thu 02	(no VE test this month --- see page 7)
Fri 03	
Sat 04	
Sun 05	NCS: 2m K3XS 75m W2AJV
Mon 06	
Tue 07	
Wed 08	PMRC General Meeting– AUCTIONFEST!
Thu 09	
Fri 10	
Sat 11	
Sun 12	NCS: 2m WU3I 75M WA3KIO
Mon 13	
Tue 14	
Wed 15	PMRC Board Meeting --- WRDV studios
Thu 16	
Fri 17	Martin Luther King
Sat 18	
Sun 19	NCS:2m KB3IV 75m KB3IV
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Sun 26	NCS: WB3KOJ 75m W3STW
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